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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A dentifrice composition comprising:

- (1) from about 1% to about 50% by weight of the composition of a talc;
- (2) a fluoride salt that provides from about 1 ppm to about 3000 ppm by weight of the composition of a fluoride ion;
- (3) from about 5% to about ~~[[50]]~~ 30% by weight of the composition of a silica ~~another~~ abrasive polishing material;
- (4) from about 30% to about 90% by weight of the composition of one or more aqueous carriers; and
- (5) from 1.7% to about 20% by weight of the composition of a chelating agent; wherein the dentifrice composition has a pH of 7.66 or above at 25°C.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1 wherein the talc is selected from the group consisting of natural talcs, synthesized talcs, methicone treated talcs, hydrotalcites, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 3 (original): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 2 wherein the talc is natural talc.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1 wherein the chelating agent is selected from the group consisting of phosphates, pyrophosphates, tripolyphosphates, citrates, carbonates, tartrates, acetates, diacetates, phytic acid, EDTA, EHDP, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (original): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1, wherein the fluoride salt is selected from the group consisting of sodium fluoride, aluminum fluoride, stannous fluoride, potassium fluoride, zinc fluoride, sodium fluorophosphates, and mixtures thereof.

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Claim 7 (original): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 6, wherein the fluoride salt is a sodium fluoride.

Claim 8 (original): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1 wherein the aqueous carriers are selected from the group consisting of thickeners, humectants, water, surfactants, titanium dioxide, coloring agents, flavor systems, sweeteners, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 9 (canceled)